

Against spot zoning for Normandy Properties

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City Clerk Agenda

To: City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>;

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Though I have read the arguments in favor of Normandy's proposal for Mass and Main, I'd like to urge you all not to approve of the zoning change requested. This kind of spot zoning, especially in the face of

- strong community opposition
- extreme non-compliance with the current zone
- runaway development in this area
- lack of a master plan
- violation of the character of the neighborhood

is generally harmful to the community and to the trust that people put in the Council and its process. The developer cannot build by right, and the purpose of special permits, variances, and zones is to protect the city against such self-interested projects.

Regards,

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